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THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 11, line 19, please insert the following paragraphs:

--Here, the SwHandle is calculated as follows:

- 1) Acquire pseudo addresses already used from the Address correspondence controller.
- 2) Then take the last 16bit from each pseudo address acquired. They are SW-Handles already used.
- 3) Select the smallest positive integer excluding "SW-Handle"s reserved for HAVi system components and SW-Handles took out in 2) above.
- 4) HAVi pseudo address is generated by putting a device's own

